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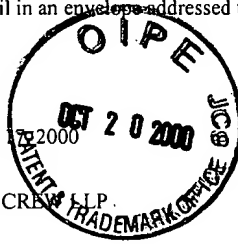
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CORBETT W. STONE et al.

Application No.: 09/548,901

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: ARTICULATION SYSTEMS
FOR POSITIONING
MINIMALLY INVASIVE
SURGICAL TOOLS

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3739

TRANSMITTAL LETTER –
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING
PARTS

Attn: Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application

Dated June 27, 2000, enclosed are the following to be made of record in the above-identified application:

- 1) Executed Declaration
- 2) Power of Attorney and Certificate of Assignee Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
- 3) Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- 4) Petition to Extend Time
- 5) Copy of Notice of Missing Parts

Please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 for the following fees:

Small Entity: (a) Filing Fee (§ 1.16(a)) (Small Entity) \$355.00



(b) Excess Claims Fees (§ 1.16(b), (c)):

35 - 20 = 15 x \$9.00 = \$135.00

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(c) Missing Parts Surcharge \$65.00

TOTAL FEES TO BE CHARGED \$555.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

David Heckadon

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